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SUBJECT: SPANISH SAHARA: POSSIBLE ECONOMIC ASPECT SPANISH STATEMENT

1. WE HAVE BEEN WONDERING, AS OTHER ADDRESSEES MAY HAVE BEEN, ABOUT FACTORS BEHIND SPANISH INSISTENCE--RELECTED IN RECENT POLICY STATEMENTS--ON ALGERIAN INVOLVEMENT IN SAHARA ISSUE (MADRID 3575 AND USUN 1779). ALGERIA'S INTERESTS, CONVOLUTED AS THEY MAY BE, ARE UNDERSTANDABLE. BUT WHY HAS SPAIN BEEN WILLING TO GO OUT OF ITS WAY TO REFER TO "OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES"? ON ECONOMIC SIDE, WE AWARE OF SPANISH IMPORTATION ALGERIAN LNG, BUT QUANTITIES SEEM TO US INSUFFICIENT TO WARRANT DEGREE OF CONCERN IMPLIED IN SPANISH STATEMENTS.

2. JUNE 2 BUSINESS WEEK, "WORLD ROUNDUP" SECTION (P.36) REPORTS ALGERIA IS OFFERING SPAIN EARLY ACCESS TO CUT-RATE OIL AS PART OF LARGE SCALE BARTER ARRANGEMENT CURRENTLY UNDER NEGOTIATION. SAME ARTICLE REPORTS STANDARD ELECTRICA, SPANISH ITT AFFLIATE, IS CLOSE TO AGREEMENT TO INSTALL \$11 MILLION WORTH OF TELEPHONE EQUIPMENT AND

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THAT ALGERIA ALSO DICKERING FOR SPANISH-MADE BUSSES AND

FARM EQUIPMENT--ALL OF WHICH, ARTICLE IMPLIES, WOULD  
BE INCLUDED IN BARTER DEAL.

3. SINCE ALGERIA LOST SOME OIL SALES WHEN MOROCCO  
SWITCHED ITS SOURCING TO IRAQ AND USSR, ABOVE TRANSACTION  
MIGHT GO SOME WAY TOWARDS HELPING TO EXPLAIN TIMING AND  
REASONS FOR MOST RECENT SPANISH STATEMENTS ON ALGERIAN ROLE  
IN SAHARA NEGOTIATIONS. EVALUATION AND COMMENTS ADDRESSEE  
POSTS WOULD BE APPRECIATED.  
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